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Letter dated 1 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the note verbale dated 27 May 2007 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) in Tehran on uncovering an espionage network directed by the United States in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 80, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Annex to the letter dated 1 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) and wishes to state the following.

According to the information received from relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, several espionage networks operating in western, south-western and central Iran, established and directed by the United States intelligence services with the aim of penetrating and carrying out operations in these areas, have recently been uncovered.

It is evident that the United States espionage activities in the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran are in contravention of the international obligations of the United States with regard to respect for the sovereignty and independence of States, and violate the Algiers Declaration on non-interference in the internal affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In view of the above, the Islamic Republic of Iran, while expressing its strong protest against this act, seeks the submission of necessary explanations by the United States authorities in this regard. Obviously, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its legal right to pursue this issue.